

# CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS DIVISION

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Mr. John P. Badalich, Executive Director  
Pollution Control Agency  
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Dear Mr. Badalich:

I would like to thank you and the members of your agency for the courtesies extended to me during our meeting of August 26, 1970. Discussions at this meeting pertained to our Zonolite plant, located at 1720 Madison Street, N. E., Minneapolis, Minnesota and our noncompliance with established air pollution control rules and regulations. Noncompliance of these regulations was an oversight, but I would like to assure you that the Construction Products Division will comply with these regulations based on an established timetable.

After a thorough analysis of our present manufacturing facilities and cost estimates necessary to abate pollution, management has determined that it is more feasible and economical to relocate to a new manufacturing facility. At a new facility, it will be possible to engineer and construct a building to incorporate new efficient manufacturing and collection equipment.

On August 28, 1970, I called Mr. Wiik of your agency to inform him of this decision. Because of the time required for site location, contract negotiation, engineering, and approval of funds, it is not possible at this time to provide the Pollution Control Agency with a detailed time schedule. It can be established, however, that on or before July 1, 1972, the Construction Products Division will cease operation at its plant located at 1720 Madison St., N.E., Minneapolis, and will be in operation at a new facility, probably in the Minneapolis area.

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Under this plan, no capital funds will be expended, but all facilities will be properly maintained to control emissions to levels capable with existing installed equipment.

Mr. Wiik indicated to me that this proposal and timetable would be acceptable to the Pollution Control Agency, and that he would notify both you and Mr. Lindall of our conversation.

So as to eliminate any possible adverse effects, this decision might have on our employees, customers, etc., plans for relocating must be kept confidential. The only information that should be distributed is that we will comply with all established rules and regulations by July 1, 1972. As soon as our plans are firm, we will submit a detailed timetable of compliance.

The stipulation being prepared by Mr. R. J. Lindall of the Office of Attorney General should be sent to our Mr. H. A. Brown, Vice President, here in Cambridge. After review of the stipulation, Mr. Brown will return signed copies to your office so as to arrive prior to September 15, 1970.

I would like to thank you again for meeting with me, and the direction given to assist us in complying with the Pollution Control Agency rules and regulations.

Very truly yours,

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